

## VESSEL NUMBERING INSTRUCTIONS

### VESSEL REGISTRATION AND DISPLAY

All boat owners originally registering or renewing registration with this state must display a registration number and current decals on the forward half of the vessel's bow as illustrated in the examples.

Registration numbers, when issued, will remain with the vessel permanently. Washington Coast Guard issued numbers may be retained by request when making original application for state registration or when renewing registration.

### DOCUMENTED VESSELS

Federal regulations prohibit the display of the **WN** registration number upon documented vessels. However, the annual state registration decals are required and must be affixed to the forward half of the vessel so it is easily visible for law enforcement.

### VESSELS WITH COAST GUARD REGISTRATION

Coast Guard registration numbers may be retained. When making application for Washington registration you must request continued use of your old Coast Guard registration number. If you do not make this request, a new state number will be issued.

Further information is available at your local auditor or vehicle/vessel licensing agency. You may also write us at:

Department of Licensing  
Customer Service Unit  
P.O. Box 9042  
Olympia, WA 98507-9042

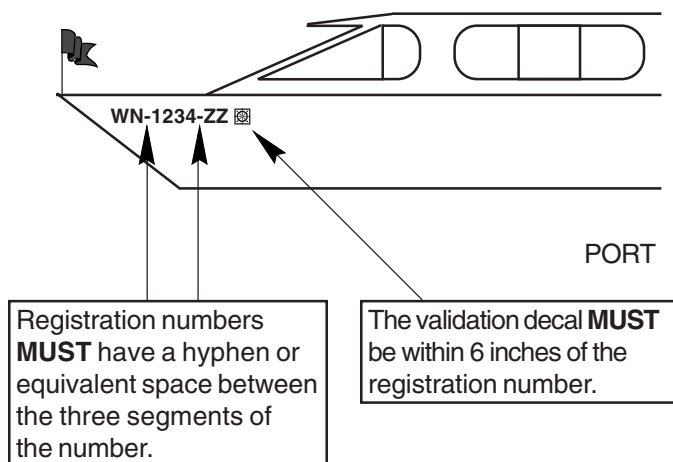
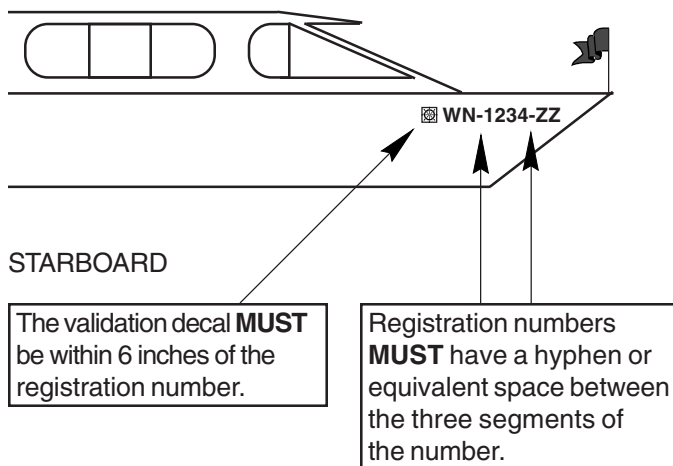
*The registration number must be permanently placed on both sides of the bow in block letters not less than three inches in height in a color distinctly contrasting with the background. The number must read from left to right and include spaces or hyphens the width of the letters (other than "I") between the three segments of the registration number. The decals must be placed on both sides of the bow aft of and directly in line with the registration number as shown.*

### REGISTRATION NUMBER

Numbers and letters **must**:

- Be BLOCK style
- Be painted or attached to each side of the bow
- Be at least 3 inches high
- Have a hyphen or equivalent space between the three segments of the number
- Contrast with the color of the background
- Be distinctly visible
- Always read from left to right

*The number shown below is an example and is not your vessel number.*



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